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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the fees, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

4. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 [any one of the preceding claims], wherein said identifier identifies a channel, which is to be switched from said first bitstream to said second and said third bitstream and which said data refers to, and wherein said selecting step comprises selecting a time slot of said second bitstream and a time slot of said third bitstream based upon the channel information provided by said identifier.

6. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 [any one of the preceding claims], wherein said network is a DTM network.

7. (Amended) An apparatus for switching data between bitstreams of a circuit switched synchronous time division multiplexing network, comprising:

associating means [(240, 242; 440, 442)] for tagging data read from a time slot of a first bitstream of said bitstreams with an identifier; and